

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
VAVRS, Oilville, Virginia
April 6, 2005
1030

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Randy Abernathy Kathy Eubank Donna Helmick Mary Kathryn Allen Nick Klimenko Jeff Reynolds Holly Frost Dave Cullen Sabina Braithwaite, M.D.	Billy Altman - Excused	Steve Puckett Warren Short Scott Winston Chad Blosser	Linda Johnson Deborah Akers

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by Chairman Randy Abernathy at 1040	
Introductions	Committee members, staff and guest introduced themselves	
Review/Approval of Minutes	Minutes of January 12, 2005 minutes reviewed and discussed	Minutes accepted with the following correction: Move Holly Frost from Attending to Absent. Motion – Dave Cullen Second – Kathy Eubank Y – 9, N - 0, A - 0
Committee Mission Statement	Draft of Professional Development Committee Mission Statement was presented by Randy Abernathy and compared to charge from State EMS Advisory Board. Discussion by committee resulted in minor changes to wording to reflect charge from State EMS Advisory Board, added description of Member-At-Large and reference to Recruitment and Retention.	Motion to accept Mission Statement as amended. Motion – Dave Cullen Second – Jeff Reynolds Y – 9, N – 0, A - 0
High School EMS Committee	Steve Puckett presented update on the status of the High School EMS Committee. The committee has meet one time and is currently formulating a document in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Education outlining the requirements for the EMT-Basic Course. This document is to specify the number of hours required, the organization in time blocks, selection criteria of students, qualification requirements of course coordinators, equipment requirements and testing requirements.	Jeff Reynolds and Kathy Eubank to sit on the committee as representatives of PDC.
National Scope of Practice	Letter from committee addressing concerns about Draft 1.0 of the National Scope of Practice Document was sent to committee reviewing document. Draft 2.0 is scheduled to be promulgated and will be reviewed upon receipt. A public review of the proposed draft will be held in Washington DC in June 2005.	The Professional Development Committee will send a representative to the National Review in June 2005.

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Training Program Administration Manual	The Attorney General office is currently reviewing the revised Training Program Administration Manual. It will be determined if the TPAM must be made part of the Virginia EMS Regulations or can be used as a separate document.	Additional update on status at next meeting
Web-Based CE Update	Warren Short reported that the Office of EMS has successfully downloaded a pilot program from the vendor and the goal is to have the program available for use in 2005. This program will allow the electronic submission of continuing education	None
Public Comment	None	
Old Business	None	
New Business	<p>Warren Short reported that the National Registry has proposed the use of Computer Based or Computer Adaptive Testing for all written National Registry exams using PearsonVue Testing centers at a proposed cost of \$100.00 per test. They have proposed 4-5 centers located in Virginia. PearsonVue states they can expand the numbers of testing locations if needed in Virginia at an additional cost.</p> <p>Warren Short delivered a presentation on the Future of EMS Training in Virginia developed by the Division of Educational Development. The presentation outlines the perceived needs and changes to the methods of instruction of EMS in Virginia in the next 5 years as seen by the Division of Educational Development. This plan for the future of EMS education in Virginia will be presented to the State EMS Advisory Board at their next meeting for approval.</p>	<p>Follow-up at next meeting</p> <p>Recommend that the Future of EMS Training be approved by the State EMS Advisory Board for implementation.</p>
Next Meeting	VAVRS Headquarters- July 13, 2005 at 10:30am	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm	